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Mr. Michael Crowe  
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado River Water Diversion – Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Crowe:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's CY 2021 Colorado River water diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

The District is entitled to divert its equitable share of the quantity of Colorado River water available to satisfy consumptive use on lands within the Yuma Mesa Division (Division) of the Gila Project. This entitlement is in accordance with the District's contract with the United States and the Regional Director's final administrative determination, dated December 27, 2001, establishing appropriate and equitable shares of the Division's Colorado River water entitlement among the District, North Gila Valley Irrigation District, and Yuma Irrigation District.

Based upon a review of the CY 2021 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 242,080 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in the District's service area. Nothing in this approval should be construed as authorizing the Division to exceed its annual consumptive use entitlement of 250,000 AF of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 in an effort to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: [www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf). It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona will use this information to adjust

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diversions to remain within approved annual quantities of, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or [jdodds@usbr.gov](mailto:jdodds@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,



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